

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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Mission Statement

To have Christ at the centre of our lives, enabling us to grow in faith as a community where all feel welcome, loved and valued.

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Stewards Of The Gospel

"The important thing in evangelising is not to effortfully set out to try to convert someone, but to live one's faith as a Catholic attractively. It is important to trust that God is working".

Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 20 December 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19	6.00 p.m. Jack and Daphne Weller RIP
Sunday 20	10.30 a.m. Beryl de Prazer RIP
Monday 21	No Public Service
Tuesday 22	Open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. until 12 midday.
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First Mass of Christmas

Thursday 24	6.00pm Deceased Members of the Dillane Family
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Christmas Season The Nativity of the Lord

Friday 25	8.30 a.m. Fr. Leslie's Int 10.30 a.m. People of the Parish
Saturday 26	No Public Service in the morning

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26	6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 27	10.30 a.m. Deceased members of the Mullarky family

The Christmas Day collection is your gift to your priest and forms a major part of his income. Thank you for your generosity.

Time of Prayer from the Bishops of England and Wales

In these difficult moments, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer. As a family try as suggested by the Cardinal to pray each day for an end to this pandemic as a Catholic community spread throughout our country.

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)



Today is
the Fourth
Sunday
of Advent

As a matter of urgency please contact Mary or Fr. Leslie to let us know what Mass you will be attending on Christmas Day (8.30 a.m. or 10.30 a.m.). Places are strictly limited due to Covid Tier II restrictions. The Christmas Eve 6.00 p.m. Mass is already fully booked.

Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle

This is our big fund-raising event of the year, but we need you to make it a success. All you have to do is put £5.00 in an envelope (the Welcomers will be happy to give you an envelope), put your name and phone number on the outside, and the winner will be drawn in the morning of Christmas. We'd really like to make this a big success for all our friends and family. God Bless and please take and share as much as you can. There is a box at the back of the church for envelopes.

Christmas

Our Christmas hamper is full of luxuries that will guarantee a fabulous festive season. The hamper so is really substantial. Each delicious item is hand-picked to ensure unrivalled quality and taste. Classic Christmas mince pies include the Minter's Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, Grandma Wild's Luxury Mince Pies, and the Elizabeth Shaw Salted Caramel Crisps. All this and more comes carefully packed in a chocolate brown, hand-crafted wicker basket, featuring this season's new tapered shape. It is perfect for logs or storage all around the house, long after the festivities are over.

Includes:

- Champagne Lanson Black Label NV, 75cl
- Red Wine Vina Vasta - Tempranillo Syrah Merlot, 75cl
- White Wine Vina Vasta - Verdejo Viura, 75cl
- Grandma Wild's 4 Luxury Mince Pies
- Savoursmiths Bubbly & Serrano Chilli Crisps, 150g
- Elizabeth Shaw Salted Caramel Crisp, 175g
- Minters Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, 350g
- Copperpot All Butter Fudge, 150g
- nibnibs Cumin Big Minis, 100g
- Chloe's Golden Wreath Biscuits, 150g
- Tod's Kitchen Cheeseboard Chutney, 100g
- Abbey Biscuits Butter Shortbread, 150g
- Delicioso Picos Artesanos, 200g
- Walkers Dessert Collection, 120g
- Jacquot Bitter Classic Truffles, 200g
- Buitemans Cheddar Biscuits in Gold, 75g

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CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Mass at 6.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve:
NOW FULLY BOOKED

Mass at 8.30 a.m. on Christmas Day:
Some spaces still available

Mass at 10.30 a.m. on Christmas Day:
Some spaces still available

Please send in your name and contact details indicating which of the two Masses (8.30 a.m. or 10.30 a.m.) you will be attending.

Masks must be worn in the church – Room for parishioners is limited.

All Masses are booking only because of COVID 19 guidelines and restriction of numbers,

Please note the OFFERTORY collection should be placed in the white bucket, as you enter the church, and it is your gift to your priests. (No baskets will be passed at the offertory).

Parish Website

We would welcome your comments on our new website and any suggestions you may have.

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Norah McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, Greg Thomas, Liz Kent, Alan Bailey, Brian Donoghue, Patricia Green and Mary Alcock.

Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them.

If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN FUTURE THE NAMES OF ALL THE SICK WILL BE CONTAINED ON A CARD THAT WILL BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR AT EVERY MASS.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT DUE TO DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK NEED TO ASK FR. LESLIE FOR THEIR NAMES TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST.

Anniversaries

We pray for the anniversary of all our relatives and friends, especially those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

We pray for:

Marie Klein, Joan Wilkinson, Jessie Moody, Pauline Cosmer, Bridget Wilks, Frank Anderson and Leslie Rhodes.

Priests of our Diocese:

Fr. William Guinevan (1954), Fr. Arthur Cowd (1918), and Bp Brian Foley (1999).

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in peace and rise in Glory. For all who have died from COVID-19 Eternal Rest give to them O Lord, may they Rest in peace and Rise in Glory.

Christmas Offering For Your Priest

Your Christmas offering is your gift to your priest and forms a major part of his income. Because of the lockdown over Easter, we were unable to get the envelopes out. Please be a generous as you can, but we realize everyone is financially suffering. *Thank you.*

Face Masks

At the moment, face masks are required to be worn at all times in the Church.

Church Sanitised

Every Friday the church is cleaned and sanitised by an independent company.



Welcome to our Sunday celebration as we draw closer to the Feast of the Birthday of our Saviour.

Our faith is not a blind leap into the dark. It is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). We live by faith, and not by sight, and yet faith is certain: more certain in fact than human knowledge because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie. "Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe". (John 20:29).

During Advent we seek this gift so that we may take hold of that great mystery of faith, God made man, the Word made flesh. We see that faith is certain, more certain even than human knowledge, because it is founded on God's word.

As we look forward to the glory of Christmas, the cause of our Joy and Rejoicing, the Birth of Jesus, is our purpose and ultimate goal. He is the beating heart of time, the mystery fully revealed in the stable of Bethlehem with Mary his mother.

I pray and hope that each and everyone has a great Christmas filled with the blessing of our Lord Jesus and his mother Mary.

Finally we ask you all to be safe over Christmas and remember those families who have lost a loved one especially from the COVID virus.

A very happy and Holy Christmas to you all.
God Bless.

Fr. Leslie

Prayer for England against Coronavirus

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England, your "Dowry", and upon all who greatly hope and trust in you. By you it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope, was given into the world; and He has given you to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us, your children whom you received and accepted at the foot of the cross. O sorrowful Mother intercede for our separated brethren that with us in the one-time fold, they may be invited to the Chief Shepherds, the vicar of your son. Pray for us all dear Mother that by faith, fruitful in good works, we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with you in heavenly home. *Amen*

First Holy Communion 2021

This notice is for parents of Class 3 children.

Please log on to our website to get a form if you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion. **Please note.** Only put your child's name forward if you are a practicing Catholic and are attending Mass regularly on Saturday evening or Sundays. Completed forms must be back with us by 10 January 2021. Details of the First Holy Communion forms can be found here www.stjosephshutton.org/sacraments/

If you have any questions call the Presbytery for more information.

At present we cannot give starting dates because of Covid -19 restrictions, but to receive an indication of numbers of applicants is important to the Parish.

Christmas Greetings

Every year we try to fill the back page of the newsletter with Christmas Greetings to each other. The money raised goes straight to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. We're going to start the page going next week so please do send me an email (ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) with CHRISTMAS GREETINGS in the subject bar and I'll be sure to include your greeting to Fr. Leslie, your friends and your fellow parishioners. Please send a £5 donation in the post to Fr. Leslie, or pop round and post it through his letterbox if you can. We all need cheering up this year more than ever! Can we fill the back page? You bet we can! Let's do it!

Diocesan-wide opening arrangements

Sent on behalf of Mr Michael L'Estrange, Diocesan Vicar for Administration.

1. We have been asked whether Stewards are required for a church to be open. The message from the Bishops' Conference is clear - It is important that the routines of cleanliness, stewarding and social distancing to which we have become accustomed, and which have made our churches places of real Covid security, are maintained. Therefore, we should continue to have two Stewards in the church whenever the church is open.
2. With respect to the inclusion of music and choir singing at Mass, the COVID Working Party has considered the advice set out by the Bishops' Conference (see above) and recent Government Guidance and advice publicly available from the Royal School of Church Music. All previous Government Guidance relating to numbers of singers allowed to perform during a Mass or other service has been superseded by the current National Lockdown Restrictions. The advice is clear that musicians and singers may participate in online services only if they usually form part of the service that is being broadcast and are essential to its delivery. This means that the number of people involved should be kept as small as possible in order to minimise risk and therefore the message for our Diocese is that essential music or singing should be restricted to one organist and/or a cantor.

MISSIO

The "Mission Today" Calendar 2021 is available for Red Box holders to collect from the table in the church porch.

Unfortunately, because of Covid-19 restrictions, I am unable to empty red boxes at present. Please hold on to your red boxes and I will empty them when it is possible to do so. In the meantime, please consider donating directly online by visiting the website www.missio.org.uk or take a form from the table in the porch with details about setting up a direct debit.

Thank you for your support, Clare Barton

New Catholic Directory

The new Catholic Directory is on sale £2.80 in the Narthex.

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The Marillac Neurological Care centre, founded by The Daughters of Charity in 1921 is fast approaching its centenary year. The service is entering into an exciting phase of its evolution and is venturing towards becoming an independent Charity whilst maintaining its relationship with the Daughters of Charity and the Vincentian Values.

We have assembled a core team of Advisors who have guided us to this stage and are now looking to add to the Board of Advisors with the possibility of becoming Trustees in the near future. We are looking for people to join who share the values and can commit to one Board meeting per month, with any extra time by negotiation. We are particularly keen to hear from people who are from Medical, Legal or Accounting backgrounds.

Marillac Neurological Care Centre is a 52 bedded centre in Warley, Brentwood. It provides care, treatment and rehabilitation for a wide variety of Neurological conditions including Brain Injuries to adults within a specialised highly skilled environment.

As a first point of contact please e-mail Paul Dixon, Managing Director: pauld@marillac.co.uk or call: 01277 220276

Crib Pictures

This is Mary Allum collecting foliage for the crib, with the help of Jan Jarvis. (who took the picture!)



And below, the finished and much adored crib helps remind us all of what Christmas is truly about! Thank you Ladies. Good job!



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

"O key of David and sceptre of Israel, you who open and nobody then can close, who close and nobody then can open: come and lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death".

Soon we will welcome the birth of Jesus not only as our Saviour but also as our King: "he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end". Jesus is truly a king. The wise men from the East asked: "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him". Recognizing his kingship, Pilate fastened a notice to Jesus' cross which read: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews".

Jesus was born to deliver us from the dominion of darkness and to transfer us into the kingdom of light. He inaugurated the kingdom of God: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". Using many parables he teaches us about the kingdom of God.

He insists that only the docile and humble can receive the kingdom: "unless you turn and become like little children you will not enter the kingdom of heaven". He promises that those who practise and teach his commands will be great in the kingdom.

How shall we prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus as our King this Christmas? A king can only rule when the people give him authority to reign over them. Jesus will be our king only if we invite him to rule over us by placing our whole lives under him, leaving no area of our lives outside his kingship and holding nothing back from him. We must make the decision to follow him, obey him and serve him with all of our hearts. Do you want Jesus to reign in your life? What areas of your life do you wish to place under his kingship? Use these precious days before Christmas to ask the Holy Spirit to show you any areas that you need to place under his rule. Jesus is coming. Welcome him with great joy! Jesus longs to be your king. Invite him to reign over your life!

Jesus, you were born to be my Saviour and my King. I invite you to be my King and to rule over my whole life.



Finance News

The Christmas Hamper raffle had another good week with £95.00 coming in, making the running total £735. With a bit of luck we'll break through Fr. Leslie's target of £750.00. The draw will be made after the 10.30 a.m. Mass TODAY!

The collection raised £137.65.

Christmas Greetings for the back page raised £15.00

And the Second Collection for Providence Row raised £258.81

Standing Orders for the month 6 November to 5 December were £2,541.50

Total expenses for the month - £4,035.75
Thank you and God Bless.

Standing Orders

These represent the most efficient method for you to support our Parish. Please complete a Standing Order form which can be found at the back of the church, and send it to your bank. If you are a tax payer, please do think about Gift Aiding your donation, which benefits the church by an extra 25% of your giving, at no cost whatsoever to yourselves.

HSBC

Account name: St. Joseph the Worker
Catholic Church,
Hutton.

Sort Code: 40 13 22.

Account No.: 61018884



Pope on Twitter



I bless the statuettes of Jesus, which will be placed in the Nativity scene. When you pray at home, before the Nativity scene with your families, allow yourselves to be drawn by the tenderness of Baby Jesus, born poor and frail among us, in order to give us his love.

The Virgin Mary silently awaited God's Word of salvation; she welcomed it; she listened to it; she conceived it. In her, God became close. This is why the Church calls Mary a "Cause of our joy"

The current pandemic and climate change affect above all the lives of the poor. We must promote a culture that places at its center human dignity and the common good. For this reason the Holy See joins in the objective of net zero emission.

Looking at the image of Our Lady of #Guadalupe, we see these three realities reflected: abundance, blessing and gift. God always gives Himself in abundance in His blessings.

Light
Laughter

How will Brexit affect Christmas Dinner?

No Brussels!

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CAFOD World Gifts

World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

Our Repository

If you are looking for a crib set, a nativity scene, Christmas cards, Rosaries, Christmas gifts, etc. then do let Mandy in the Repository know. She has a wide range of gifts available at all price ranges, plus of course she can order something for you from our specialist catalogue. Just pop by after Mass and have a look at the catalogue and maybe get some good ideas too! There could be something there just for you! Only 54 days left to Christmas!!

Celebrate Advent with CAFOD

After a year of uncertainty, we all need the hope, peace and true comfort and joy that the Advent season can offer. CAFOD has a range of resources and virtual events to help us come together online to pray, reflect and celebrate as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Visit cafod.org.uk/parishes to learn more. We can stretch out our hands to people living in poverty and refugees by donating to CAFOD's Advent Appeal at cafod.org.uk/advent.

CAFOD MESSAGES TO THE BRAVE

Every day, human rights defenders and environmental activists across the world are risking everything to defend our brothers and sisters and protect our common home. CAFOD are asking that as many of us as possible to show our solidarity with these brave people, by sending them a Christmas message, to show their efforts and struggles are not forgotten. It's easy to do - please follow the link below for instructions, or go to the CAFOD website and look for Messages to the Brave.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Messages-to-the-brave>

Christmas Greetings

Why not send your Christmas greetings to your friends and fellow parishioners by placing them in the newsletter?

Please send your greeting to: ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk and the donation (normally £5.00) to the Secretary 17 Highview Crescent, Hutton – or hand to Fr. Leslie as soon as possible. All donations will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society which is our major charity.

Fr. Leslie wishes all the parishioners at St. Joseph a Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year in 2021.

A very happy and healthy Christmas to all the parishioners at St. Josephs. Stay safe and take care.
Jo, Greg, Alex and Charlie Thomas

Christine and Ian Restall wish Fr. Leslie, and all their friends and parishioners at St. Joseph a very happy, healthy and holy Christmas and let's all hope – a happy and healthy New Year!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy festive period with their loved ones.
Love **The Peachey Family**

The Directors and staff at Design Portfolio wish Fr. Leslie and all parishioners at St. Joseph a wonderful Christmas filled with peace and love, and a happy and healthy New Year

The Jackson family would like to wish Fr. Leslie, friends and parishioners a peaceful Christmas and a healthy new year. In particular we would like to thank all Stewards, Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for their commitment to our parish this year

Catherine, David, William, James, and Verity would like to wish Fr. Leslie and all the parishioners a very happy and Holy Christmas

Chris Bailey would like to wish Fr. Leslie and all his friends and acquaintances at St. Josephs a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year



COME ON GUYS! LET'S FILL THE BACK PAGE!

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